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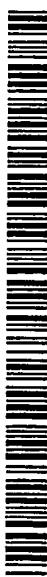
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(57) Abstract: A novel coating for medical devices provides nitric oxide delivery using nanofibers of linear poly(ethylenimine)di-azeniiumdiolate. Linear poly(ethylenimine)di-azeniiumdiolate releases nitric oxide (NO) in a controlled manner to tissues and organs to aid the healing process and to prevent injury to tissues at risk of injury. Electrosprun nanofibers of linear poly(ethylenimine)di-azeniiumdiolate deliver therapeutic levels of NO to the tissues surrounding a medical device while minimizing the alteration of the properties of the device. A nanofiber coating, because of the small size and large surface area per unit mass of the nanofibers, provides a much larger surface area per unit mass while minimizing changes in other properties of the device.

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1. Claims: 1-11,22-24

A medical device coated with nanofibers of a polymeric nitric oxide donor.

2. Claims: 12-21

A process of making a medical device by coating the medical device with nanofibers of poly(ethylenimine) by subjecting said polymer to an electric field.

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